

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A plant package comprising a potted plant comprising a pot having an outer peripheral surface, and a floral grouping disposed therein, the plant package produced by the method comprising:

providing a tubular sleeve comprising a tapered base portion, a decorative skirt portion extending from the base portion, and a closed lower end, wherein the tubular sleeve is initially constructed in a flattened condition;

opening the tubular sleeve and disposing the pot of the potted plant within the base portion of the tubular sleeve; and

securing the tubular sleeve about the pot via a bonding material comprising a tie, band, ribbon, string, tape, clamp, fastener or shrink material, thereby producing the plant package.

2. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing the tubular sleeve, the base portion is further defined as being sized to substantially cover the outer peripheral surface of the pot.

3. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the skirt portion of the tubular sleeve has a non-linear upper peripheral edge.

4. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations or combinations thereof.

5. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is adapted to be supported from a support device.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve further comprises an upper portion which is detachable via a detaching element in the tubular sleeve.